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1. PRESIDENT'S OFFICE HAS JUST PROVIDED FURTHER CLARIFICATION
MINISTERIAL VISIT (REFTEL). MIN. SINGHATEH WILL NOT RPT NOT
BE PART OF DELEGATION. FOUR OTHERS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO LIST
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

2. ADVANCE PARTY OF CONATEH AND SINGH WILL BE ARRIVING NEW
YORK APPROXIMATELY JAN. 3.

3. MINISTER SANYANG, JAGNE, AND THOMAS WILL PROCEED TO NEW
YORK APPROXIMATELY JAN. 8 (DETAILS TO FOLLOW). THEY WILL BE
ACCOMPANIED BY: PERM SECRETARY, MIN INFO AND TOURISM, LANDING
JALLOW SONKO (M.P. AND 1975 LEADER GRANTEE); MRS. MAIMOUNA
BAH (RADIO GAMBIA BROADCASTER AND 1975 OCA GRANTEE); MISS
FATIMA SALLAH, INFORMATION OFFICER; AND, ALHAJI BAI KONTEH,
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WELL-KNOWN GRIOT AND KORA PLAYER. THUS, DELEGATION WILL TOTAL
NINE, INCLUDING ONLY SANYANG OF MINISTERIAL RANK.

4. PARTY PLANS INITIALLY TO SPEND ABOUT TWO WEEKS IN WASHING-
TON, AND THEN RETURN TO NEW YORK IN TIME FOR JAN. 24 TELEVISION
PRODUCTION OF "ROOTS".

5. DELEGATION PLANS TO BRING EXAMPLES GAMBIAN HANDICRAFTS (BATIK, CARVINGS, LEATHERWORK, JEWELRY) FOR DISPLAY PURPOSES. AF/W PLEASE ADVISE WHAT SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MAY HAVE TO BE MADE WITH CUSTOMS TO PERMIT TEMPORARY IMPORT THESE ITEMS.

6. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED AS MORE DETAILS DEVELOP.WYGANT

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